

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 401
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015
8:00 A.M.**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, Chairman
Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman
Donald Williams, Secretary
Russell Chin, DDS
Caroline Danish, DDS
Jeffrey Dodge, DMD
Martin Elson, DDS
Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA
Eric George, DMD
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.
Martin Nager, DMD
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.
Maryellen Simas, RDH

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Coleman, JD
Donna Costantino, MBA, Chief of Health Professions
Linda Esposito, Case Manager
Donna Valletta, DOH Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

James Balukjian – DDRI
Robert Bartro – RIDA
Pam Coletti – RIDAA/CCRI
Christy Durant – RIOMS
Cynthia Farrell – Thundermist Health Center
Marie Jones-Bridges – RIDHA
Patrick Quinlan, JD – RIDA
Tara Swift – RIDAA

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. on a motion by Russell Chin, DDS, and seconded by Stephen Puerini, DMD. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

No public comment at today's meeting.

3. Presentation of the May 6, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed., to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode Island of Examiners in Dentistry for Wednesday, May 6, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Review of Issued Licenses List

Board Members reviewed the list of licenses issued since the last Board Meeting. Motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Donald Williams, to accept the list of licensees as presented. Motion carried.

Christy Durant of RIOMS inquired about the process for the issuance of Dental Anesthesia Permits and Anesthesia Facility Permits. After discussion, a motion was made by Donald Williams, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, that the issuance of Dental Anesthesia Permits and Anesthesia Facility Permits be delegated to the licensing staff, i.e., once the application is complete and an approved inspection report has been provided, the license can be issued without further review by the Board. Motion carried.

Donna Costantino arrived at 8:35 a.m.

5. Chairperson's Report

- **Communications**

Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, discussed the issue of Collaborative Agreements relative to situations where other licensed personnel might provide services independently, but while still under the supervision of a licensed Dentist. Dr. Robert Bartro, RIDA, presented his research findings on this issue, which indicate insurers would exclude Collaborative Agreements such as the supervision of independent service providers from coverage.

Chairman Cappuccino raised the subject of the "opt in/opt out" deadline for Medicare and advised the Board that not making a decision on that issue by the deadline would present consequences for patients.

Chairman Cappuccino asked Dr. Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, to report on the outcome of the Mission of Mercy volunteer event which was held May 30 – 31st, 2015. Dr. Dodge reported that the event was a great success, and included the following preliminary information:

Patients seen:	774
Dollar value of services provided:	\$490,000+
Professional volunteers	427 (including 96 Dentists)
Community volunteers:	<u>234</u>
Total volunteers	661

Dr. Dodge also acknowledged and thanked Linda Esposito in her role as HSR Licensing Aide II for processing and issuing the Volunteer licenses, including late applications, smoothly and efficiently in time for the event.

Dr. Martin Nager, DMD, expressed his recognition for Dr. Dodge's work in coordinating the Mission of Mercy event every year, and all the time and effort he dedicates to making this important event such a great success.

- **Staff Updates**

Chairman Cappuccino asked Donna Costantino, MBA, Chief of Health Professions to provide staff update information to the Board. Ms. Costantino advised that Robert O'Donnell, Board Manager, is currently out of the office. In the interim, Linda Esposito has been assigned to provide case management services to the Board. Linda Esposito, Donna Costantino and Amy Coleman, Board Legal Counsel, will work together to provide the needed staff support for the Board.

The Board inquired about the status of the Board Administrator's position. Donna Costantino advised that she was not privy to any new information regarding the status of that position.

- **July 1, 2015 Board Meeting**

Chairman Cappuccino reported that the July 1, 2015 Board Meeting will go forward, as scheduled.

- **License Committee Meeting**

No License Committee Meeting was held for June 3, 2015 as there were no license application issues to be addressed.

6. Old Business

- **Attorney Coleman update on Rules and Regulations**

Attorney Amy Coleman provided updated information to the Board by providing a draft of proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations. Attorney Coleman also provided an overview of the Rules and Regulations Community Review process due to take place on Friday, June 5, 2015.

- **Dental applicants who have not taken the U.S. National exam**

After discussion, a motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Dr. Martin Nager, DMD, to schedule a sub-committee meeting specifically to review the requirements of Section 5.1.1 of the Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.

Further discussion took place regarding the acceptability of the Canadian Clinical Board Examination. A motion was made by Donald Williams, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., that the Canadian Clinical Board Examination qualifies as a "clinical board examination not part of the applicant's training program" under Section 5.1.1(d) of the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants. Russell Chin, DDS, opposed the motion. Motion carried.

7. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

- A motion was made by Donald Williams, and seconded by Dr. Martin Nager, DMD, to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:35 a.m. pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion carried.

8. Motion to Return to Open Session

- Motion was made by, Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, at 10:25 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- One (1) case was found to have No Unprofessional Conduct.

10. Adjournment

- The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, 8:00AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Robert Ricci, Ph.D. and seconded by Robert Chin, DDS, to adjourn at 10:35AM. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Esposito
Case Manager
Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry